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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of near - misses reported over Delhi`s air space in the last few months;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) :- There have been six air proximity incidents reported in the last six months over Delhi Flight Information Region.

(b):- Most of these incidents have occurred during simultaneous departure from both the runways. C o -ordination failure was the primary cause of the incidents.

(c) and (d):- Standard operating procedures (SOP) are regularly formulated and revised depending upon Air Traffic and Safety requirements. The following steps have been taken to enhance safety level and prevent recurrences
(i) modernisation of Air Traffic Services,
(ii) implementation of Safety Management System at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport to mitigate the risk of accident/ incident,
(iii) implementation of flexible use of airspace for reducing traffic congestion in airspace
(iv) modification of SOP/ co - ordination procedure for simultaneous runway operations. As per the new procedure one runway is used exclusively for arrival and the other for departure.

(e) Does not arise.